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**SUMMER ACADEMY FOR POLICY
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**WILDER PATHWAYS POLICY
RESEARCH INSTITUTE**



**JUNE 22 - JULY 3, 2025
JULY 7 - AUGUST 1, 2025**

OUR MISSION

The mission of Policy Pathways is to train and educate individuals who desire to excel academically in policy studies and public administration degree programs and who seek to become leaders in policy arenas and the public sector.

OUR VISION

Our vision is a society with representative diversity among high-level policy decision-makers and enhanced empowerment among disenfranchised populations and communities.

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PASSION**



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POLICY PATHWAYS AT THE VCU WILDER SCHOOL COLLEGE PREPARATORY PROGRAMS

Our six-week college preparatory program in public policy offers two immersive experiences that gives participants the opportunity to engage with experts and grapple with real-world policy challenges. Through hands-on activities and interactive sessions, program participants will gain invaluable insight into the policy-making process, develop critical thinking skills, and build a network with peers and professionals who share their passion for positive change in the world.

ENGAGING PROJECTS

REAL-WORLD POLICY ISSUES

INNOVATIVE INSTRUCTION

THE EXPERIENCE

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The two-week session offers engaging and rewarding public policy course work. Top professors in their fields, policy experts, and leading decision-makers introduce program participants to policy formation and analysis, economics, public administration, research methods, and statistics, as well as critical thinking, advocacy, and writing strategies.

WILDER PATHWAYS POLICY RESEARCH INSTITUTE

JULY 7 - AUGUST 1, 2025*

This four-week research institute introduces students to the theories, methodologies, and approaches related to the study and practice of research methods. Students will learn the importance of studying statistics and the value of quantitative research and how to determine procedures for storing, analyzing, and graphing data.

** Prerequisite: Completion of two-week Summer Academy*

THE APPLICATION

APPLICATIONS DUE BY MAY 1, 2025

Applications are open to aspiring changemakers, youth and young adult aged 15-25 years (as of June 25, 2025).

The admissions committee seeks a well-balanced cohort that is diverse and inclusive, and whose members will interact well, and meaningfully, with each other and with their teachers.

EXTENDED APPLICATIONS DUE MAY 15*

YOUR APPLICATION MUST INCLUDE:

STATEMENT OF INTEREST

To state why you are applying in your own words: include your interests, academic work, and community involvement.

TRANSCRIPTS

To verify academic enrollment. Standardized test scores are not required.

FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE

Full and partial scholarships available.

**"THE TOOLS THEY PROVIDE YOU WITH
MAKE YOU REALIZE THAT ACTUAL CHANGE
IS POSSIBLE, THAT ACTIVISM AND WORK IS
NOT SOMETHING UNFEASIBLE."**

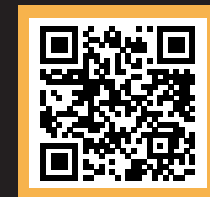
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